however, be determined on the basis of completion of training by a batch and absorption of the batch in the regular cadre of Pilots in Indian Airlines as Second Officers.

Upgradation of Begumpet Airport Hyderabad

923. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether any target has been set to complete the runway at Begumpet, Hyderabad to accommodate smooth landing of huge aircraft such as Boeing 747;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Civil Aviation has called for tenders for this project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the other infrastructural facilities and the technological upgradation proposed to be provided at Begumpet Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ'HUSSAIN): (a) The runway at Hyderabad Airport will be strengthened and extended upto 10,500 feet for operation of Medium Capacity Long Range (MCLR) Class of Aircraft which will also cater B-747 operations with load restrictions. Probable date of completion is June, 2003.

(b) and (c) Tenders for the extension and strengthening for the runway work have been opened and the work is likely to be awarded in November, 2001.

(d) The airport is equipped with all modern communication and navigational aids. The work of new link taxi-track and isolation bay is likely to be completed by March, 2002. The airconditioning of the domestic terminal is likely to be completed by February, 2002. Internal modification in the international terminal building are carried out to improve space utilisation for better passenger comfort. The Airport Information Management System through intranet has been commissioned for greater customer satisfaction.